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Nothing New Under the Sun?

EVERY now and then it is discovered that some extremely "modern" invention is in reality exceedingly old. For example, the safety pin, far from being a novelty, or even of recent origin, is decidedly ancient—a fact made certain by the finding of a great many such pins, fashioned exactly like those of today, in old Roman and Etruscan tombs, dating back to a period a good deal earlier than the birth of Christ.

The safety pin was an article of common use in Italy long before the Roman empire attained the height of its glory. Some of them were exactly like those of today, utilizing the familiar principle of coiled spring and catch; but the material of which they were made seems always to have been bronze. They took on a development, however, far more remarkable than our modern safety pins, many of them being quite large affairs, ten inches or so in length, and hollow, as if designed to be attached to the gown in front, and possibly to contain flowers. Not infrequently they were ornamented with gems.

Another ancient invention was the collar stud. It is true that the ancient Romans did not use buttons to fasten their garments, but for this very reason safety pins were more urgently required, and the latter seem to have been supplemented by studs of bronze, which were in shape exactly like those of today. Of course, people in those days wore no collars, but the little contrivance in question was utilized in other ways. Probably—and, indeed, the assumption is not a rash one—it had in that early epoch the same habit as now of rolling under a piece of furniture on slight provocation, for the purpose of eluding observation and pursuit, with the usual perversity of inanimate objects.

Of all modern inventions, none seems to belong more typically to the present day than the so-called McGill paper fastener—the small brass contrivance used to fasten a number of sheets of paper together. Yet (though it has been patented), it was well known more than two thousand years ago, being used by the soldiers of Rome as an incidental of their costume. The belt of thin copper worn by the ancient legionary was fastened to a strip of cloth for lining, with a series of little bronze clasps exactly like the paper fastener in question.

The Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, has not together a very interesting collection of such ancient inventions—one of the specimens shown being the belt of an ancient Roman soldier, which exhibits the application of the contrivance described. Among other objects belonging to the same category are thimbles 2,500 years old. They are of bronze, and their outer surfaces show the familiar indentations for engaging the head of the needle. Indeed, these thimbles are much like modern ones, barring the fact that they have no tops to cover the end of the finger. For that matter, however, many thimbles of today are topless.

The women in those days had bronze bodkins, made just like those in use now, and for toilet purposes they

employed small tweezers of a pattern that has not been altered in 2,000 years. To hold their hair in place, they had not hit upon the notion of bending a wire double, but they used for that purpose straight bronze pins, made exactly like modern hat pins with big spherical heads. It is from this early type of hairpin, in truth, that the hat pin of today is derived. Mayhap the ancient Roman virago, when aroused to rage, plucked an improvised dagger from her back hair and employed it vigorously.

In the collection referred to is a number of fish hooks, not less than 5,000 years old, obtained from ancient Swiss lake dwellings. They are of bronze, and in shape are exactly like the most improved modern fish hooks. They have the same curves and the same barbs, with a similar expansion of the top of the shank for the attachment of the line. Barring the metal of which they are composed, they might have been made yesterday. Other curios from the old Etruscan tombs are strainers, ladles, spoons, and knives of bronze. Such articles, as well as daggers and other weapons and utensils, were cast most commonly in molds that were made of hard stone, a pair of stones being required to produce the object, which was afterward polished and otherwise elaborated. Among the most interesting of the contrivances for the toilet is a fine tooth comb of ivory, which in shape is precisely like the fine tooth combs of today.

Of course, the gentleman of ancient Rome was obliged to shave himself unless he chose to wear a beard, and for this purpose he used a razor which must have made the operation decidedly severe. It was not at all like modern razors, but was of bronze, and somewhat like a small sickle, very broad in the moon-shaped blade, and with a handle rigidly attached.

It is well known that the ancient Romans knew how to plate one metal with another. They made, and some of them, like Cicero, wore false teeth. The manufacture of glass was entirely familiar to them, and they knew the modern method of mending broken pots by means of rivets—which is shown by the fact of the discovery of many pieces of pottery thus restored. It seems rather surprising that they did not acquire the art of printing with movable types, inasmuch as they came so very near it. They had wooden blocks carved with words in reverse, by means of which they stamped words on pottery while the latter was as yet unbaked and soft.

Every Roman gentleman had a latch key which fitted the door of his dwelling. It was attached to a finger ring, so that it could not easily be lost, and would always be ready for convenient use, no matter what the hour or the condition of the owner.

Naturally, the Roman damsel or matron had to have something in the way of a looking glass, and it is odd to find that her hand mirror was precisely of the most fashionable modern type. It was of polished bronze, because the art of silvering glass to make it serve as a reflector, was then unknown.

RAIN DELAYS WORK
ON DOUGLAS DAM

Irrigation water to be delivered in September—New Road Proposed to Willcox—Taxpayers Saved Money. Douglas, Ariz., July 15.—Three heavy rains which have fallen here within the last few days have had the effect of delaying work on the Leslie canyon damsite to a great extent, according to news reaching here. The flood waters have carried large quantities of sand into the excavation, which has been made by the company. Franklin R. Maxwell, engineer in charge, declared that while the sand will require considerable work to remove, it will cause no great delay. The present flow at the dam is between 2000 and 3000 gallons of water per minute. Maxwell hopes to be delivering water on the flats below the dam by September. Water data is being compiled at

the dam by a man stationed there for the purpose, also at Rucker canyon where a weir has been installed for this purpose. A north and south road in the Sulphur Springs Valley, to extend from Douglas to Willcox, with no hills to climb but one small creek to cross following the natural roadbed up the valley, is being enthusiastically boosted by a large number of farmers who are forming the Central Road association. Under the rules of this association, each member pledges his services for five days every year for five years in order to keep the road in first class condition. The city council has begun holding meetings as a board of consultation, which he had been treated, "Kid" Lee, a negro, has made application to conduct a club near the red light district for members of his race. He was informed by the council that he might do so, and

so long as he conformed to the law, would be allowed. Lee was recently forced to pay fines of \$50 and to close on account of selling liquor without a license.

The Cochise County Taxpayers' association has saved the county \$27,000 within the last six months, according to J. N. Gaines, secretary of the organization, who was here yesterday. All savings were made by following suggestions made by the association. The parent organization of the kind is Arizona and Mr. Gaines is frequently called in consultation with the association in Maricopa and Gila counties, which are patterned after this body. Gaines was here to consult R. A. Packard, first vice president of the association, concerning his semi-annual report.

"Jack" Neary, a local inventor, who has perfected a quick shoe and corset lace, has returned from a visit to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Scranton and Chicago in the interest of placing his invention with manufacturers. He has offered much encouragement. A general cleaning up has been ordered by Justice W. M. Taylor, after having received a similar order from the board of supervisors. Teams and men are now engaged in making the suburb a spotless town. It will require at least two weeks to complete the work.

CARRIZO COUPLE
MARRY IN EL PASO

Gov. McDonald Returns From a Visit to His Ranch—Gordon's Youngest Daughter a Mother. Carrizozo, N. M., July 15.—Miss Edith E. Anderson and Leonard B. Crawford, who were quietly married in El Paso a few days ago, have arrived in Carrizozo, and will make this their future home. Both are well known and popular.

Architect Otto Goetz has returned from El Paso. Corwin and sons, of Oscura, are visiting Mrs. Corwin's daughter, Mrs. Lee B. Chase. Dr. Robert E. Blaney has gone to his old home in Chicago for a month's visit.

Frank J. Sager has left for an extended visit through the eastern states. He will be joined in Warren, Ohio, by his wife and daughter, Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. O. Luster, Misses Margaret and Mamie Humphrey and Burnie Humphrey, have returned from a few days' visit to Alamogordo and Cloudcroft. Mrs. Frank W. Gurney and son, Frank, are here from El Paso for a visit with relatives. Gov. W. C. McDonald has returned

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passing through Carrizozo enroute to his home at Glenwood. United States marshal Andrew Hudsmith, who has been visiting home folks at White Oaks the past week, passed through this city on his way to Santa Fe.

COLORADOAN IS CAPTURED,
AFTER SHOOTING AT WIFE

Cripple Creek, Colo., July 15.—A. H. Mott, 58 years old, a ranchman, who fired a shot at his wife, beat her with a iron pipe and burned his home, 10 miles east of here, and fled, was found hiding among the rocks 100 yards from the ruins of his home, by a posse that had searched 24 hours for him. His throat was gashed, both wrists were slashed and he was in a weakened condition. He was hurried here by the sheriff. It is believed he will survive.

Dog Earned His License.

The little fox terrier of L. N. Hanley won for his master a license tag for the killing of 100 rats. The prize was offered, when the canine had killed 80 in two weeks, by a member of the council—Carlisle Advocate.

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Deming, N. M., July 15.—The Rio Grande Valley section will have this fall a handsome illustrated booklet advertising the resources of Deming and the Rio Grande Valley, giving a general statement of conditions in this section, and having only incidental reference to the company's own project. The photographs for this booklet have already been taken, showing some 35 first-class farm scenes, and the cuts are now being made. The company will also issue a folder shortly advertising the Deming district, and distribute several thousands of the same. Mr. York, the colonization agent for the company, has just returned from an extensive trip north and east, on which trip he selected a number of first-class subagents who are already working on business for this fall. Another wide advertising campaign for the Deming district is being carried on by the Mimbres Valley Alfalfa Farms company, which has issued and distributed thousands of pieces of literature concerning the section. Mr. Miesse, its general manager, has one of the best land sales forces in the United States at work on the proposition.

Lee O. Lester is having a large safety vault installed in his abstract office for storing valuable papers and record books. J. M. Jamison and wife, and Gray Cook and wife, all of Midland, Tex., passed through Deming yesterday in a "28" Abbott-Detroit, bound for San Francisco over the Borderland route. The Baptist church of Deming, of which Rev. O. T. Finch is pastor, is one of the leading Baptist churches of the state in its contribution to missions, having contributed in the last 54 weeks \$766 to this cause. The Baptist church of Deming during the past year has also enjoyed a large increase in membership, the membership having been increased by 150.

K. Salbars and family left for Webster, Texas, today. They will return to Deming as soon as the rice harvest on the Salbars plantation is over. Mr. Salbars upon his return will begin the installation of a large nursery near Deming.

Water in Ditches.

A large head of water has been flowing for the last 24 hours in the ditches of the Mimbres Valley Irrigation company west of town. A large area has been flooded, as well as the rice harvest on the Salbars plantation is over. Mr. Salbars upon his return will begin the installation of a large nursery near Deming.

HOW ABOUT THE JUDGE?

32 El Paso is hot, dirty and dry, according to Judge D. A. Richardson, who returned to Douglas yesterday after spending a few days in the Pass City on legal business from the Douglas (Ariz.) Dispatch.

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El Paso, TexasARIZONA POSTMASTER
REFUSES TO RESIGN

Postmaster General Requests Resignation of F. M. Smith at Williams After Complaint Is Filed. Williams, Ariz., July 15.—Postmaster F. M. Smith refused to resign as requested in a message from postmaster general Burleson. The request resulted from complaints sent to Washington by Geo. W. Glosner, city attorney of Williams. Glosner charged that Smith was afflicted with tuberculosis and he was guilty of offensive parsimony, opening mail and grafting. "The city attorney asked a specific case where he charged a letter had been opened. 'To resign would admit the charges true,' said Smith. 'I will let them out me.' John H. Campbell has been designated to succeed Smith, who has been prominent here for 10 years.

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